

PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. : 14264

***DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION***

I, Scott L. Rhea, whose residence, post office address, and citizenship is as stated below next to my name; verily believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled STEERING WHEEL ASSEMBLY, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I hereby appoint as my attorneys and/or patent agents Sally J. Brown, Reg. No. 37,788 and James D. Erickson, Reg. No. 46,096 as well as those individuals associated with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer No. 21552 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

All correspondence and telephonic communications should be directed to:

Sally J. Brown  
AUTOLIV ASP, INC.  
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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

As a named inventor of the inventions and/or discoveries set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America entitled:

**STEERING WHEEL ASSEMBLY**

executed on: \_\_\_\_\_

I desire to assign to: Autoliv ASP, Incorporated, an Indiana Corporation  
whose corporate offices are at 3350 Airport Road  
Ogden, Utah 84405-1563

and which, together with its successors and assigns is hereinafter called "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited, and of confirming the same or any part thereof heretofore acquired by Assignee. Now, therefore, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to me, receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I hereby, without reservation:

1. Assign and convey to and confirm in Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation and Convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications and said Letters Patent;
2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in my name or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise;
3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;
4. Warrant that I have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that I have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;
5. Bind my heirs and legal representatives, as well as myself, to do, upon Assignee's request and at its expense, but without additional consideration to me or them, all acts reasonable serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications and the said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by me or my heirs or representatives if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to me relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples and other physical exhibits in my control or in the control of my heirs or legal representatives and which may be useful for establishing the facts of my conceptions, disclosures and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

6. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained herein is true and correct.

The effective date of this instrument is the 30 day of June, 2003

In testimony of which I have affixed my signature below.

(Signature) Scott L. Rhea Date: 6-30-03  
Scott L. Rhea

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